

REMARKS

Claims 28-44 and 60-73 are currently pending in the application. In the Office Action dated September 27, 2007, claims 44, 60-66 were rejected. By this Amendment, claim 44 has been amended, without acquiescence or prejudice to pursue the original claims in a related application. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

Claims 44, 60-66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claims are allegedly non-statutory as not being tangibly embodied in a manner so as to be executable. Without acquiescence to the stated reason for the rejection, claim 44 has been amended. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Allowed Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 28-43 and 67-73 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, all claims are believed allowable, and an allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

If the Commissioner determines that additional fees are due or that an excess fee has been paid, the Patent Office is authorized to debit or credit (respectively) Deposit Account No.

50-4047, billing reference no. 7011323001.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 28, 2008

Bingham McCutchen LLP
Three Embarcadero Center
San Francisco, CA 94111-4067
Telephone: (650) 849-4400
Telefax: (650) 849-4800

By: _____


Peter C. Mei
Registration No.: 39,768